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Pistol Techniques of Fire

Pistol Design

- First shot fired double action.
- Second shot fired single action.

Double Action

Single Action

Double Action Mode

Double action shot requires approximately 9 - 16 pounds of pressure to move the trigger rearward.

Single Action Mode

- Single action shot requires approximately 4 - 6 pounds of pressure to move the trigger rearward.
- Shorter trigger pull

Precision Shot

- Sight alignment is more critical the smaller the target and the greater the distance to the target.
- In these situations, the slow fire technique is used:

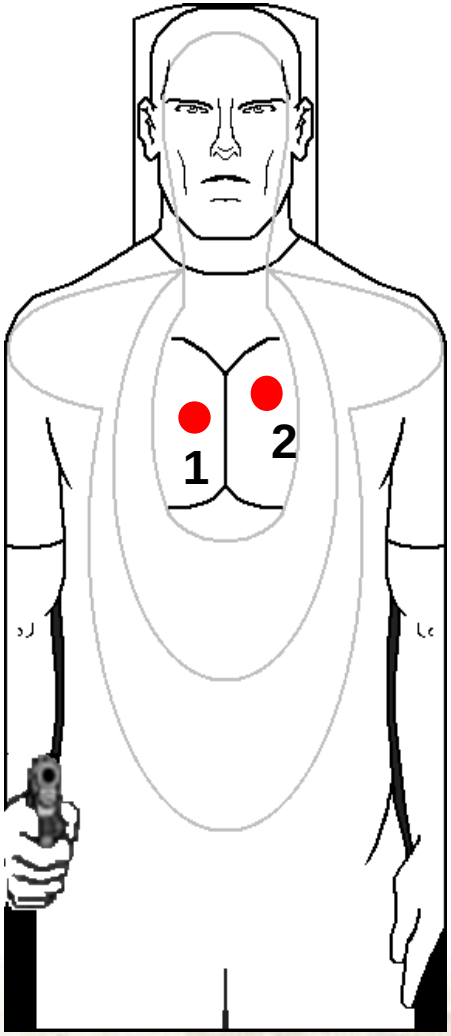
- Thumbcock the pistol for a single action shot.
- Close one eye and focus on the front sight.
- Fire one well-aimed, precision shot on the target.

Factors Affecting Whether to Fire Single or Double Action

	TIME	DISTANCE	SIZE	TRIGGER CONTROL	SIGHT PICTURE	STABILITY OF HOLD
SINGLE ACTION	**LONGER ENGAGE-MENT TIME**	**LONG RANGE**	**SMALL TARGET**	**CRITICAL**	**CRITICAL**	**CRITICAL**
DOUBLE ACTION	**SHORTER ENGAGE-MENT TIME**	**CLOSE RANGE**	**LARGE TARGET**	**LESS CRITICAL**	**LESS CRITICAL**	**LESS CRITICAL**

Controlled Pair

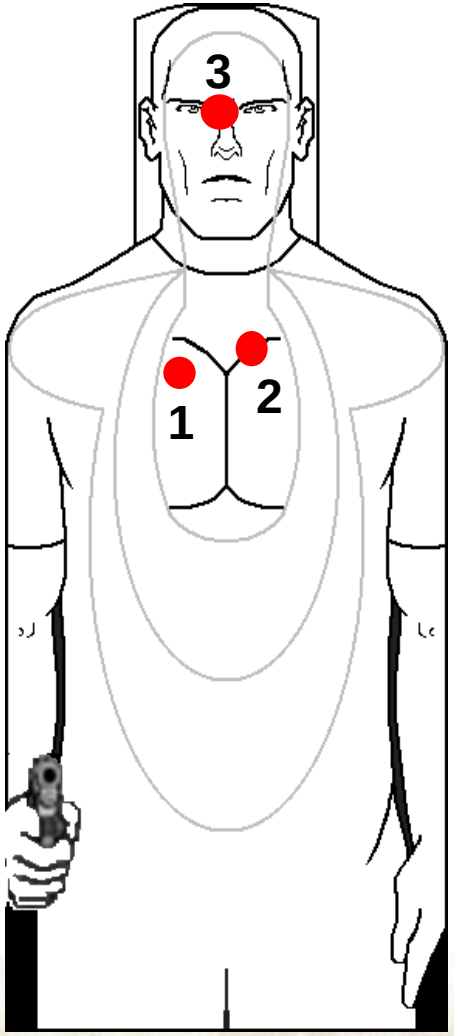
- Two aimed shots fired upon a target in rapid succession.
- A sight picture is acquired on both shots.
- Two shots increase the trauma (i.e., shock, blood loss) on the target.



Failure to Stop

- If the target still poses a threat after two shots, conduct a Failure to Stop.

- Two shots fired to the chest followed by a slow fire, precision shot to an alternate aiming area.



Shot Placement